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LYNN STUDENT NAMED HUTTON SCHOLAR

Karina Broomstein has been selected to participate in the 2004 Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, an innovative education program developed by the American Fisheries Society (AFS). Broomstein, a Lynn High School student who has just completed her junior year, will work for the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) and receive a scholarship from AFS.

Broomstein will work closely with mentor Brad Chase, a *MarineFisheries* biologist at the Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station in Gloucester, to verify rainbow smelt ageing using scales and otoliths. She will also provide valuable assistance to various field projects conducted by *MarineFisheries* and will gain experience in laboratory and field techniques used in fisheries science.

The Hutton Program was designed primarily to stimulate interest in the fisheries science profession among minority and women high school students, though all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors are eligible for the Hutton Program. Each student chosen for the program is awarded a scholarship and matched with a professional mentor for a summer-long, hands-on experience in fisheries science. In the Hutton's fourth year, AFS received 328 eligible student applications from throughout North America, and selected 65 applicants to receive scholarships. This summer, Hutton Scholars will be working with their mentors in 27 states.

For information on the American Fisheries Society and the Hutton Junior Fisheries Biology Program, please visit the AFS website at www.fisheries.org.